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TO: NEA - William M. Rountree

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FROM: NE - Stuart Rockwell

SUBJECT: Crown Prince Faisal's Meeting with the President

We believe the President may wish to concentrate on these points in his discussion with Crown Prince Faisal:

1. We attach great importance to our relations with Saudi Arabia and to the continuing exchange on matters of common interest with His Majesty and with officials of the Saudi Arabian Government.

2. We are immediately concerned by the situation in Syria. We know His Majesty shares our concern. In viewing the situation in Syria, we fully recognize Syrian and Arab nationalist aspirations. We are sympathetic with any nation's efforts to preserve its independence and integrity. In the Syrian situation, however, we see increasingly the signs of increasing Soviet influence - in propaganda, in statements by Syrian Government leaders, in economic and political actions of the Syrian Government. These same signs, in the countries of Eastern Europe, preceded complete political and economic subjection to Soviet Russia.

3. We are mindful of other issues of importance to Saudi Arabia: the Gulf of Aqaba, the problem of the frontiers in southeastern Arabia. The United States Government is making a sincere effort to resolve its own differences with Saudi Arabia in a manner consistent with the principles and policies of both governments and to assist in resolving the differences between Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. (The President may wish to suggest that Crown Prince Faisal may wish to discuss these questions more fully with the Secretary of State on Tuesday.)

4. The President is pleased at the recovery of His Royal Highness from his recent surgery and at the opportunity this country has had to extend its hospitality to the Royal Party.

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